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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELIEF UNDER USDOC FOREIGN FISHING
ALLOCATIONS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 1498

1. EC COMMISSION FISHERIES OFFICER PRESENTED AIDE MEMOIRE
TO MISSION OFFICER SEPTEMBER 2, REQUESTING A TEMPORARY
MODIFICATION IN THE US HERRING FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE
TO PERMIT EC VESSELS TO EXTEND THEIR DEPLOYMENT TO A
WIDER AREA OFF THE ATLANTIC COAST.

2. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE FOLLOWS:

"BY ITS AIDE MEMOIRE OF FEBRUARY 9, 1977, THE UNITED
STATES MISSION TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES INFORMED THE
COMMISSION ABOUT THE DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERN-
MENT ON ALLOCATIONS FOR FISHING, IN 1977, BY COMMUNITY
VESSELS, IN THE EXTENDED U.S. FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE
OFF THE U.S. ATLANTIC COAST.

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"THESE ALLOCATIONS INCLUDED 5,725 TONS OF ATLANTIC HERRING
OF WHICH 4,725 T FOR GERMANY AND 1,000 TONS FOR FRANCE.
ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S FOREIGN FISHING
REGULATIONS, CATCHES OF THE SAID SPECIES ARE, HOWEVER,
ALLOWED ONLY IN THE PERIOD 15 AUGUST TO 30 SEPTEMBER AND
IN A LIMITED ZONE WITHIN DIVISION 5Z OF SUB-AREA 5 AS

DEFINED BY THE ICNAF CONVENTION.

"SINCE 15 AUGUST A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY VESSELS HAVE FISHED FOR HERRING IN THIS AREA WITHOUT ANY RESULTS. IT IS SUPPOSED THAT THE REASON IS THAT THE HERRINGS HAVE MOVED TO COOLER WATERS BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT HYDROGRAPHICAL CONDITIONS IN THE AREA. THIS SITUATION HAS CAUSED SEVERE ECONOMIC LOSSES FOR THE FISHERY VESSELS INVOLVED, AT PRESENT SIX GERMAN VESSELS AND 1 FRENCH VESSEL.

"IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR FISHERIES WOULD APPRECIATE IF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COULD TAKE STEPS TO MODIFY THE LIMITS OF THE OPEN ZONE FOR HERRING FISHING. SINCE IT IS NOT KNOWN WHERE THE HERRING IS FOUND AT PRESENT, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE OPEN ZONE BE EXTENDED TO THE ENTIRE DIVISION 5Z (ICNAF). END TEXT.

3. COMMISSION OFFICIAL SAID THAT WHILE COMMISSION BELIEVES THERE IS NO LEGAL BASIS FOR FOREGOING REQUEST TO USG, EC IS RELYING ON US GOODWILL TO HELP RELIEVE ECONOMIC STRESS TEMPORARILY AFFECTING SUBJECT VESSELS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE. MORRIS

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